GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passengers were subjected to inconvenience during the last four months due to the late running of trains in all over the country causing loss of worth crores of rupees to the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, month-wise; and;

(c) the steps taken and proposed to be taken by the Railways to ensure timely running of trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The punctuality of trains for the last four months is as under:-

Month	BG	MG
April, 2007	91.7%	99.5%
May, 2007	96.6%	99.5%
June, 2007	91.4%	99.6%
July, 2007	93.9%	99.3%

The punctuality performance is above the target which is 90% for Broad Gauge and 96% for Metre Gauge. Loss of earning due to late running of trains is notional and hence the statistics for the same cannot be maintained.

(c): Following steps are taken by the Railways to ensure timely running of trains:-
1. Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all three levels viz. Divisional, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board.
2. Improvements in Time tabling to provide a clear path.
3. Improvement in standard of maintenance of assets to reduce equipment failures.
4. Counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.
5. Liaison with State Government to tackle the Law and Order problems and miscreant activities.
6. Up-gradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signaling.